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California's first urban state recreation area gets a new look

Planning Update: Candlestick Point State Recreation Area

SAN FRANCISCO – California State Parks will unveil planning revision alternatives for Candlestick Point State Recreation Area (SRA) at an upcoming public workshop on Wednesday, July 14 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Located on San Francisco's industrialized southeast waterfront, the park is one of the rare places where local residents can access the bay and experience nature. This part of the city is set to undergo major changes due to large-scale urban planning and infrastructure projects, including redevelopment of the Candlestick Stadium site and Hunters Point Shipyard. This new development presents unique opportunities – and potential funding sources – to update the plan and enhance the state recreation area.

The public is invited to attend the workshop and provide input to help reshape Candlestick Point SRA. It will be held at the Southeast Community Facility, 1800 Oakdale Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94124. Four preliminary design concepts will be presented to revamp this waterfront park, which was originally established in 1977. The workshop will be a public forum to solicit early feedback from community members, park users, and other stakeholders. Comments provided at this workshop will be used to create a preferred design plan for the recreation area, which will be presented at a subsequent public workshop in the fall of 2010.

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Candlestick Point SRA is located in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood, which is expected to attract nearly 25,000 new residents over the next few decades because of plans to develop new housing on the former naval shipyard, Candlestick Stadium site, and surrounding areas. The park's existing General Plan document was approved in 1977 and last updated in 1988. This General Plan revision is an exciting opportunity to take a fresh look at the park and plan enhancements that will serve both existing and future park users. Trail improvements, better neighborhood connections, habitat restoration, new facilities, and youth programs are just some of the possibilities.

"Candlestick Point State Recreation Area was created with the goal of bringing State Park values to an urban setting. With this new plan, we have an opportunity to fulfill the park's mission and create a unique recreation destination for the community, Californians, and visitors from outside the state", as shared by State Parks Project Manager Steve Musillami at the first public workshop.

The July 14 workshop will be the second in a series of public workshops that will be held during the two year planning process. In addition to the new park design and General Plan revision, an environmental impact report will be prepared, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The General Plan revision for Candlestick Point SRA is a collaboration of California State Parks, the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, and the San Francisco Planning Department.

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